

PERMIT FOR TORRANCE TO SECURE AIRPORT NOW BEING PROCESSED, SAYS SCHMIDT

Torrance Army airfield will become "Torrance Municipal Airport," and the interim permit for operation of the 470-acre port now is being processed for issuance in the very near future. This cheering news from E. W. F. Schmidt, superintendent of airports, Civil Aeronautics Administration, highlighted the annual dinner meeting of Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday night in the Civic auditorium where 300 civic leaders and their wives gathered to hear of the future of Torrance in aviation.

Schmidt, in speaking of the effort of Torrance to secure possession of the flight strip built by the Army at the cost of millions of dollars, said:

"You'll get it, and you will be fortunate to have it. You will have something that 6000 other communities in the United States would like to have and for which they are taxing themselves 50 cents on the dollar."

Introduced by R. I. Plomert Jr., vice president of the chamber and tax counselor for the General Petroleum Corp., Schmidt was preceded in his talk by Reed H. Parkin, president of the chamber and secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co., who told of Torrance's planning for a future in aviation in a report on "This Shrinking World."

Was on Early Plan
Schmidt cautioned Torrance aviation leaders to think in terms of metropolitan, California or United States aviation rather than local aviation. He stressed the advantage of long-range planning in an aviation program, and to bear out his advice, revealed that Torrance Army airport was on the master plan for Los Angeles county airports in 1940, two years before the army developed the field.

There are many uphill battles in aviation, he said, but if given a chance "aviation can bail us out of our economic predicament."

Aviation is sold in the midwest, he challenged, and "it is up to you to catch up."

If aviation is to get across

Building Here During Week Hits \$68,777

Building permits in the City of Torrance continue to run more than \$50,000 a week, the total for the past seven days reaching \$68,777.

Largest permit was that for the addition of the Sontag Drug Co., 1269 Sartori ave., 80 by 130 feet in size, costing \$25,000.

T. S. Lovelady took out a permit to construct a \$15,000 store building of cement, 60 by 70 feet in size, at 1969 Carson st.

A permit for a commercial garage at 1885-87 Torrance Blvd. was issued to A. Mullin, the cost quoted at \$12,000.

Other permits are:

J. B. Brooks, 1622 Acacia ave., reroof residence, \$127.

I. A. Larrance, 1811 Fern ave., garage and rumpus room, \$1,000.

L. L. Brines, 1618 Acacia ave., addition to residence, \$900.

General Petroleum Corp., 190th st. and Crenshaw Blvd., blow-down pit and cooling tower, \$5,200.

B. J. Michels, 3417 Newton st., dwelling addition to residence, \$2,000.

Anthony Erbets, 2611 Arlington ave., addition to residence, \$1,000.

Sydney Challacomb, 20516 Hawthorne Blvd., moved in, wash room, \$400.

Fred Haarer, 1724 Date ave., garage and storage room, \$750.

Fred F. Langer, 1936 W. 233rd st., residence and garage, \$4,400.

E. Lock, 1323 Portola ave., addition to residence, \$1,000.



300 CITIZENS, GUESTS HEAR OF TORRANCE AIR FUTURE . . . Gathered in Torrance Civic Auditorium Monday night to participate in the annual dinner meeting of Torrance Chamber of Commerce are the 300 persons shown above. They heard a

report on the prospects of Torrance airport's future and an announcement from R. W. F. Schmidt, superintendent of airports, Civil Aeronautics Authority, that the application of the City of Torrance for an interim permit to operate the Army airport here

is being processed and that Torrance will have the airport as a municipal field in the very near future. (Photo courtesy Torrance Chamber of Commerce by Keystone Photo Service.)

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COUNCILMEN'S AGT TO UP THEIR SALARIES TO \$100 A MONTH GOES ON BALLOT

Convinced that the job is worth it, and with a "you won't get it if you don't ask" attitude, the City Council Tuesday night ordered placed on the ballot of the April 9 City Election the proposition: "Shall the City Council members receive an additional salary of \$50 per month?"

The present salary is \$50 a month.

The council, with unanimous action, agreed that the people should have an opportunity of saying whether or not the additional \$50 a month should be paid to the members of the council, and declared many other cities pay \$100 a month.

Also enacted was the first reading of Ordinance 388 which would adjust the salary of city clerk to \$350 a month and the city treasurer to \$75 a month. The clerk's salary now is \$250 a month and the treasurer's is \$50.

Due to the fact that William Stanger, manager of the Torrance Water department, is taking over control and operation of the proposed water districts in southwest Torrance and north Torrance, the council raised his salary \$75 a month.

The Civil Service board called the council's attention to the fact that if Otto B. Willett is to hold the position of deputy city attorney and prosecutor permanently, he must take an examination for the job. Also, it was pointed out, if the job is temporary, he can hold it for 90 days only in one stretch, and a maximum of six months out of the year.

\$5,500,000 Cost of MWD W. Basin Hookup

Annexation to the Metropolitan Water District of West Basin District communities, including unincorporated areas east and west of the Los Angeles shoestring strip, will cost an estimated \$5,500,000 in back taxes plus a current district tax rate of 50 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

This information has been made available following a survey by W. P. Whitsett, Metropolitan Water District chairman.

The figures, all of which are tentative, Whitsett said, pending a further examination of assessed valuations in the areas involved were compiled as a move toward incorporating the West Basin area into the Metropolitan Water District. Interest on the back taxes at 4 per cent would be computed to the date of annexation.

Total assessed valuations used in the survey are given as \$119,000,000.

Also included in the survey is a geographic resume in which it is recommended that the area comprising El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates and Redondo Beach, together with unincorporated areas east and west of the Los Angeles shoestring strip, join as a unit.

The city of Torrance already holds membership in the Metropolitan Water District.

West Basin area communities recently completed an association for the solution of serious water problems in the coastal section with Ben Haggott, president of the Palos Verdes Water Co., as president.

SEVEN CANDIDATES FILE FOR CITY COUNCIL; THREE FOR TREASURER; TWO, CLERK

Torrance, with two members of the City Council, a City Clerk and City Treasurer to elect on April 9, today faced the closing date for filing of nomination papers, with several already recorded and many still in the process of circulation.

Already filed for City Council are:

Albert L. Jackson, plant manager, International Derrick and Equipment Co.

J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr., partner of Stone and Myers and a member of the City Planning Commission.

James Barker, secretary of the Moose lodge.

Cecil Smith, manager of Thrifty Building Service Co.

Jool Hagberg, city employee.

Alvin K. Hill, former police officer and bus driver.

Paul Findley, employee of Columbia Steel Co.

Filed for office of City Clerk are: A. H. Bartlett, incumbent and occupant of the office for five terms.

Carl Marsteller, in charge of the city bus department in Los Angeles.

Filed for office of City Treasurer are:

Margaret Fordice.

Vivian Callahan.

Yvon P. McGuire, former mayor and chairman of the City Planning Commission.

Papers still are in circulation, taken out by Del Porte Skidmore, O. Zdrala, Howard P. Raymond and Mrs. Lella Gomer, all presumably for candidates for City Council; Lt. Col. Pat Boyle, (U.S.A.), presumably for City Clerk, and Addis Thomas, City Clerk.

With the filing date set by law to close at 12 noon today, it is expected that several other petitions will be filed.

However, it was stated yesterday that neither Councilman J. E. Hitchcock nor N. H. Cucci will seek reelection.

Likewise, Mrs. Harriett Leech said that she will not stand for candidacy for another term.

Two Elections Face Voters This Spring

This is election year with two elections scheduled for Torrance voters within the next few months.

One is the city general election, and registration to vote at that time must be accomplished by tonight at midnight. The office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett will remain open until 9 p.m. for purposes of registration.

To be elected on April 9 are two members of the City Council, the terms of Councilmen J. E. Hitchcock and N. H. Cucci expiring; a city clerk, and Bartlett is a candidate to succeed himself for a sixth term; a city treasurer, the term of Mrs. Harriett Leech expiring.

On June 4, the state primary election will be held, and nominations will be made by Californians for the following offices: One United States senator; 23 members of the House of Representatives; 80 members of the Assembly; 20 state senators; secretary of state; attorney general; controller; superintendent of public instruction; two justices of the supreme court.

A governor, lieutenant governor; assessor; sheriff; three county supervisors; 11 judges of the Superior court; and all justices of the peace.

Registration for the June 4 election closes on April 25.

Barker Again Named Secretary Of Moose Lodge

Jim Barker, manager of the Moose club here and former secretary of the Moose lodge prior to his entering the service, was elected by the lodge's governing board Tuesday night to return to his secretarial duties.

This action was prompted by James Johnston, secretary of the lodge, who resigned his office Tuesday and recommended that Barker be made secretary. Barker, a resident of Torrance for many years is a graduate of Tulane University in Louisiana.

ENLISTED MAN

Ralph Pegors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Pegors, of 1723 Martina ave., left last week for San Diego Naval Training Station. His enlistment followed one year's study at U.C.L.A. where he was majoring in petroleum engineering.

Torrance Weather Record			
Official U. S. Weather Bureau			
TEMPERATURE			
Month	Maximum	Minimum	Set Maximum
Feb.	64	40	50
13	65	39	58
21	62	42	59
22	63	43	59
23	63	41	52
24	60	45	58
25	64	50	58
26	67	59	61

New Long Beach-Inglewood Bus Run Proposed For Local Municipal Line

Plans for institution of bus service by Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to Inglewood and Long Beach are in the making, it was revealed yesterday by Bus Manager C. Z. Ward after a conference with Mayor W. H. Tolson.

Ward said that the new Long Beach service, which can be handled with present equipment, will serve property east of Torrance along Carson st., Main st., Sepulveda Blvd., the refinery district at Watson and will have its terminal in down town Long Beach, probably in the neighborhood of Sixth and American ave.

He said that the Inglewood line will serve General Petroleum Corp. refinery and the Evely district, North Torrance; the new airport at Prairie ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd., Hollywood Park race track, Hawthorne and have its terminal in down town Inglewood.

"This is a much-needed service which will take little time to put on a paying basis," Ward said.

Mayor Tolson declared that the service will be of great benefit to the commercial district of Torrance, as well as providing the convenience of regular transportation to a vast area which now is not served.

Ward said that he is working on a schedule for the new lines for submission to the City Council in the near future.

Included in the plans are: A two-day rodeo; mammoth Fourth of July parade; fireworks display; aerial circus; cowboy dance; Fourth of July dinner; industrial and commercial exposition; carnival and barbecue; style show; midway; exposition of war trophies; patriotic and religious meetings.

That the air show may be divided between two airports, Torrance army airport on 101 highway and Community Airports Torrance air field on Prairie ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd. was disclosed this week when Community Airports officials said that they would like to participate in the show.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: I read this line, "Footprints in the sands of time." Doesn't that seem to you to be a physical impossibility?

Answer: Suggest you take a look at the lobby of Grauman's Chinese Theatre.



TORRANCE FUTURE IN AVIATION . . . The annual dinner of Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday night was keynoted by talks on the future of this community in the aviation world. Leaders at the dinner included: Blaine Walker, secretary of the Chamber, left; R. I. Plomert, Jr., vice president of the Chamber and tax counselor of General Petroleum Corp., left center; Col. William J. Fox, noted Marine air hero and one of the owners of the new Community Airports project in North Torrance, right center, and Reed H. Parkin, president of the Chamber and secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co., right. (Cut courtesy L.B. Press-Telegram.)

Steelworkers' Strike At IDECO Still Unsettled

Steelworkers at International Derrick & Equipment Co., Torrance works, remained "out" this week as the settlement of the wage dispute hinged on action taken by the company in the east.

Conditions in the midwest and east, including competition, have considerable bearing on the IDECO contract, John McEwen, vice president and general manager of the local works said. He declared that the union and company were negotiating, however.

Among fabricators, Emco Derrick & Equipment Co. signed the USA-CIO contract this week, similar to that signed by Columbia Steel Co. which restored the Torrance Columbia works to operation. It provided for 1 1/2 cents an hour raise with 9 1/2 cents an hour retroactive to Jan. 1.

Local Man Dies Another Injured In Motor Mishap

Karl V. Mark, 2270 Pacific Coast Highway, was killed last Friday morning near Avalon Blvd. and Pacific Coast highway when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a car driven by Cleveland Terryman, Los Angeles, records show.

Mark's companion aboard the motor, Gerald Canfield, 2387 Madison ave., suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries, police said. He was taken to the Los Angeles General hospital where his condition is reported serious.

Charles Dinwiddie, a passenger with Terryman, was also reported in critical condition as a result of the collision. Witnesses said the motorcycle skidded nearly 100 feet prior to the impact. The driver of the auto was not held by police.

Citizens Are Warned Of Peeping Toms

"Peeping Toms," referred to as prowlers by many citizens who have during the past two weeks called local police to complain, are taking their lives very lightly with their apparent curiosity, according to police reports.

Citizens are warned to keep their shades drawn to avoid visits from these morbidly curious persons.

SCHOOLS TO PAVE SIDEWALKS ALONG CARSON, WATSON

The Board of Education will install sidewalks on the south side of Carson st. and the southwest side of Watson st., along school property, the City Council was informed Tuesday night. The school district said that the matter was included in work projects coming up in the near future.

ELDORADO STREET OPENING ACROSS TRACKS REQUESTED

Opening of Eldorado street across the Santa Fe tracks at Madrid ave. was requested of the City Council Tuesday night in a letter from property owners.

The matter was referred to the city engineer for report.

TORRANCE TAXI CAB ORDINANCE FINALLY ADOPTED

The ordinance regulating the operation of taxicabs in Torrance was adopted for its final reading by the City Council Tuesday night.

There has been no opposition to the ordinance.